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## Department of Defense Instruction <sup>ASD (MRA&L)</sup>

SUBJECT : Performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner, " Foreign National Anthems, and "Hail to the Chief" by Service Bands

References: (a) DoD Instruction 1005.4, "Performance of the National Anthem and 'Hail to the Chief' by Service Bands," October 19, 1970 (hereby canceled)

### A. PURPOSE

This Instruction unifies performances of "The Star-Spangled Banner, " foreign national anthems , and "Hail to the Chief, " as **rendered** by Military Service Bands.

### B. APPLICABILITY

The provisions of this Instruction apply to the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Military Departments. The term "Military Service" refers to the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and, when under Department of Defense jurisdiction, the Coast Guard.

### C. POLICY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The U.S. Navy arrangements of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and foreign national anthems, and the U.S. Marine Band arrangement of "Hail to the Chief" are designated as the official DoD arrangements to be rendered by all Service bands on appropriate occasions.

2. The traditional musical selection "Hail to the Chief" is designated as a musical tribute to the President of the United States, and may not be performed by military musical organizations as a tribute to other dignitaries. Performances of this selection shall be subject to the following:

a. During all renditions of "Hail to the Chief" by military musical organizations, military personnel in uniform, other than band personnel, **shall** accord it the same honor as they would the rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" or "To the Color."

b. If, in the course of any ceremony, it is required that honors be performed more than once, "Hail to the Chief" may be used interchangeably with "The Star-Spangled Banner" as honors to the President of the United States.

c. When specified by the President, the Secretary of State, the **Chief** of the Secret Service, or their authorized representatives, "Hail to the Chief" may be used as an opportunity for the President and his immediate party to move to or from their places while all others stand fast.

.. 3. When a foreign national anthem is prescribed in connection with honors and it is appropriate to perform "The Star-Spangled Banner," it shall be **per-**formed last. When a foreign national anthem or anthems are performed, "The Star-Spangled Banner" shall also be performed last, except when performed in conjunction with morning colors.

D. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Instruction is effective immediately. Forward one copy of the implementing document to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Logistics) within 120 days.



Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Manpower, Reserve Affairs and  
Logistics)